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Item 6

Spiritual communications, 1840-42

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2. One of the Visionists wrote in Substance as follows:

Enfield, Jan 31st 1840.

The night previous to this, the Deacon appeared to be failing very fast; so much so, that it was not expected ~~that~~ he would live thro the day. About 8 Oclock in the morning, I went into the room where he was sick. He appeared to be in the agonies of death; but the happy & comfortable feeling of spirit that he possessed, was truly astonishing. He said he could part in peace & love with all his brethren & Sisters, and with all mankind. When the brethren & Sisters spoke to him, he would thank them for their kindness, bless them, & bid them farewell.

He spoke much to the young brethren & Sisters, to encourage them to perceverance & faithfulness. The Children he noticed, & exhorted them to obedience. When I went into the room, ~~there was a great~~ I saw many spirits there: (I will name a few;) Father William, Father James, Father Joseph, Father Calvin, Deacon Daniel, G. Laurence, Elder Br. Eliphlet Comstock, Elder Br. Daniel, Amasiah Clark, & Elder Joshua; — Mother Ann, Mother Lucy, Mother Sarah, Elder Sister Lydia, Polly Markham, Phebe Green, Judith Haskell, & many others. At 9 oclock, his sufferings were so extreme, I prayed that he might be released; I also requested the spirits to pray for him. Accordingly they did, & his pain seased in a great measure. At this time I ~~see~~ saw Father James put his hand uppon his stomach, & ~~said~~ heard him say that he would release him for a short season. I ~~see~~ saw a Chariot of Gold color standing by the side of the bed; it was large enough for 12 spirits to ride in it: there were 4 spirits then in it: (Viz.) Father Joseph, Deacon Daniel, Mother Lucy, & Polly Markham. They said they had come to take the Deacon home. At 11 oclock, there ~~was~~ were 12 spirits

in the Chariot, and they then went a short journey & returned
about noon. The spirits kept coming & going continnally;—
and at 3 oclock, Father James said he wanted the Deacon to
go home with him; I asked him why he did not tak him.
He said he could not, as it was not the mind of his Father,—
for him to do so. The spirits then began to sing a new
funeral Song: it was very beautiful; but solemn & effecting.
They also ~~sung~~ sung 3 songs that I never heard before. ~~between~~
Between 5 & 6 oclock P.M. I saw a small Angel that
~~Father James gave~~ to the Deacon, a few weeks previous,
coming towards me, holding in his hand a Crown of
life; (so he called it;) but it appeared to me to be gold, as
it was very bright, & beautiful. This he said Father
James let him have, to give to {Aldera} or Deacon: he
said he should keep it untill his spirit & body parted; then
he should give it to his spirit. Father Calvin & Elder Br.
Daniel staid with him all night; & ~~a great~~ many spirits
visited him, from time to time, and seemed to comfort
& help him all they could. Sabbath morning, Feb, 9th
Father William come with 4 small white Horses, and attached
two of them to the Chariot; the other two he tied to it, and
fed all of them with wheat. ~~It~~ He said it would be
several days, before he should start. The Spirits
were anxiously waiting for the Deacon,
and said they hoped he would soon be released. He
continued to fail gradually, untill Wednesday in the
afternoon; ~~and then~~ at which time the spirits began to gather around the house.—
About 3 oclock, there did not appear to be much differance
in him, that I heard of, untill I saw the Chariot, drawn
by the little horses before mentioned, come out ~~of~~ at the
~~Brethrens~~ ~~room door~~, east side of the house, & proceed towards the meeting house.
At this time I was a few roods from the house;

but I hastened into it as soon as I could, & went into the room where he ~~lay~~ had lain sick; ~~but~~ and he had ceased to breathe. I had not heared that he ~~failed~~ was failing; neither did I know but he was as likely to live for some dayes to come, as he had been for some dayes past.—

~~He deceased 20, minutes before 4 oclock, P.M. Feb, 12 Aged 74 years & 7 months.~~ Visionist, Daniel wilcox.

~~Daniel Willcox.~~

Enfield. Feb, 15th 1840.

A short scetch, of the last Sickness of Deacon Nathan Tiffany, who departed this life Feb, 12th. 1840. Aged 74 — years and 7 Months.

He left the Office Nov 15th 1839. The fore part of his confinment, he was able occasionly to go out, & sometimes he walked to the Office, and rode out a few miles.

The latter part of January he failed faster; 31st. there was a perceptible change; and he was thought by all who saw him to be struck with death ~~by all who see him~~. But in the course of the day, which was Friday, he revived some, but had turns of great distress.—

Saturday, Sabbath, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, much the same; Thursday & Friday, his distressed turns become more freequent; Saturday & Sabbath, his sufferings were extreme. Monday & Tuesday, his agoney & distress, to appearance, was not so severe; he slept some, or lay by turns in a kind of stupor, his mind a little wandeing or lost. Wednesday morning, there was some change in his appearance; yet he retained his sences, & knew those around him. He continued much so till about 20 or 25 minuts before 4 Oclock P.M. When one of the Visionists went to him, & ~~told him~~ said, The Spirits ~~were~~ are waiting for ~~him~~ you, & the Chariot ~~was~~ is now redy to receive ~~him~~ you. He looked at her, noded his head, & said yea. His countanance seemed to brighten, with joy. At this time, the Visionist said Mother Ann held her hands over him, & said his sufferings are finished; ~~& done~~; he shall suffer no more. ~~At this instant the Deacon fetched a kind of Shake; not a shadder of the agoneys~~ of death, ~~but to all appearance, the opperation of the Power of God~~; And soon after ~~with~~ this,

he breathed out his last breath without a strugle or
a groan, about 15 or 20 minutes before 4 oclock, Feb. 12th, 1840: aged 74 years & 7 months. His Funeral was attended Friday
14th. 10 - O,clock A.M. The weather pleasant for the season
The attendance was jeneral, And as it was expected
some of the world would attend, the Funeral was
attend in the Meeting house -. Proceded as followes -
After assembling Elder Brother Asa, spoke & oppned
the meeting, & the cause of our coming togather uppon
the present Solemn occasion &c. Then we sung Father James's funeral
song. O blessed loving dear sweet one &c. then Elder Elisha
spoke - after which we all kneel'd down - while on
our knees - Elder Nathaniel spoke - we arose, sung R. J. funeral song then took our seats
while Elder Nathaniel deliverd a lengthy discourse fiting
the occasion, Philip next spake, we then sang a Song com-
posed or given for the deceased, then arose, first red & then
sung a Short address given to be sung, to the brethren & Sisters
on the present occasion, Elder Nathaniel then spoke a few
words - Elder Brother - then spoke, & gave permission to view
the Corpse, The Brethren & Sisters first; & then the Spectators.
of these perhaps 80, or 90. After this proceded to the grave.
Johnathan & Daniel Willcox spoke. The Deacon with many
other good Spirits attended the Funeral, & went to the Grave.

Chapter IV.

P.S. After the Deacon's Decease there was great anxiety to know the cause of his disease - it being so singular and distressing. And for the last 13 days he took no sustinance - his drink was water, with this exception, a few times a little Rum. For the 13, days before mentioned there was nothing passed his bowels.

His body was examined by Dr, Wood & Dr Hambleton his disease was Canser in the Stomach, in one place the Stomach was eat throu. The passage from the Stomach to the bowels, was greatly contracted, the Liver much effected, & attached to the Side.

9 O'clock P. M
Enfield, Conn. Dec. 6th 1840.

I saw 500 spirits assemble over the west families house. Mother. Father James. Eld. James. Eld. Joshua. Elder Sister Lydia and many others I knew.

I asked them the cause of their assembling there. They said it would yet be known. They said the time would come, when there would be a rather greater meeting in that house than had ever been both as to numbers & power. Soon said they, the gathering will commence. The work now is for Believers thro the land to prepare prepare to receive souls. for ere long they will come.

I never have seen brighter souls than were in this meeting. They appeared as bright as the Sun. They would go from their meeting down into the house among the Brethren & Sisters who then were in meeting, and administer power & life. as also were I saw them, (i e) a number of them go sundry times down to cheer the inmates of the house, who I could see as well as the spirits.

They said we must labor for an increase in the work of God for said Father James unless you do you will fall behind. They said we stood in need of more zeal. more animation for the gifts of God. too dull, too easy were we.

They desired their love might be given to the Brethren & Sisters at the west. by 3 claps of the hands & receive in same way.

Jefferson White

Not in the vision book

1840 - December 10th

A. Visionary dream -

I saw a large meeting assemble in the Meeting house - nearly all of the Society were there.

We had much power shed abroad amongst us - I saw twenty two in vision & trances all at one time - One of the inspired, wrote what was communicated regarding the opposite spirit amongst us -

Medad read the piece -

Elder Elisha said away with that spirit that would oppose & hinder the freedom of the gospel - and if there is any in this assembly that has it. and will not put it away - they will have to go with it. for the time is coming that nothing will stand. only that, that centers to Christs Kingdom - So Brethren & Sisters be up & a doing - for the good work must & will go on -

There was a number of good spirits assembled with us Mother Ann - Father James - Eld Joshua - Elder Sister Lydia &c -

A happy meeting we had - never was there such a meeting held in that Meeting house before -

I have since seen Father Joseph and asked him regarding the above - He said it would in a measure take place - for said he you must have more freedom in your meetings. yea & more power of God -

Jefferson White

Febr. 27th 1841.

New Lebanon Saturday evening. 1st. Order

The following is a communication from Father James, by Mother Ann's & Father Williams request,

Our sentences of caution & everlasting instruction from Mother Wisdoms Holy Mouth to the beloved Ministry & Elders. To be kept & handed down to those that come after you, as the Sacred Oracles of God; respecting his immediate Manifestations thro Instruments of Mortal clay. Also respecting all from the spiritual World.

A communication.

Beloved Elders Mother Ann, & Father ~~William~~ James, has entered the room, & Mother says she has brought 4 very loud sounding Trumpets, they will sound so loudly that the spirits & Angel shall hear them to the 4 winds of Heaven, & these the beloved Elders may receive & sound with me; And ye must sound them East, South, West & North; for surely my stay is very short with you says Mother Ann, Father James has brought a quantity of smaller Trumpets sufficient in number that every Individual May have One, to sound with me & with their Elders, Father will bestow them upon you all. Each of you have now a Trumpet says Father, & all is ready for us to sound.

O my Dearly beloved children says Mother, I entreat of you to remember the many precious gifts, & rich jewels which we have given you. Gather up the crumbs, let nothing be lost; use them, but not abuse them, Understand my word, says Mother Ann, Ye must use them, but not abuse them, for they are the precious crumbs of the bread & the waters of life from your Heavenly Fathers store. Many of you, says Mother, have, from the begining, prized them as such, And those that have not yet learnt to prize these blessed gifts of God which I have brought & sent unto you. As ours, sacred Holy & Divine, have it yet to learn in repentance & Godly sorrow, or never

meet my spirit in peace. I again Warn you my beloved children says Mother, as I have often done, to keep your Lamps trim'd, & burning bright, well supplied with the Oil of life. And not, (when the wisdom of God shall shall cause the present manifestations to cease) suffer your souls to slumber unto Death; of this I say unto you there is great danger; For the adversary of all good will make use of every means in his power; to ensnare, & decoy the Sheep & the Lambs of my fold; into the Dark Wilderness of disconsolation, & discouragement; And thereby loose the virtue of those rich & valuble gifts which we have given them, says Mother Ann. If ye love God ye will ~~keep~~ love him where he does Manifest himself, which has been, & will still continue to be, thro' your Beloved Ministry & Elders, ye must also love God in each other, for a portion of his Holy spirit, ye will always find in every true & loving child of your Blessed Mother. Great has been his Manifestations for some years past, to his Zion on Earth, & now great must be your Labour to make a wise & righteous use of all that has been manifested; & brought forward from the Spiritual world according to the Order & line of his own appointing, in a direct manner to help all such, as desired help to cleanse their own Souls from all unrighteousness, while yet possessing earthly Tabernacles. And for the general cleansing of his Zion on Earth, & the immediate purification of his Holy Sanctuary Established therein.

And now says Mother, Beloved Elders, & all ye my Dear Children, receive a double portion of my Love & Blessing, I say at this time. Also the kind & tender love of all those that have laboured with me, for we shall not continue to manifest ourselves amongst you as we have done but a short time longer. ~~I now send~~ I have now Beloved Ministry & Elders, a few brief sentences, wherein is comprised the Mind & will of God, your heavenly ~~Parents~~ Father, Also the mind & will & earnest prayrs of your Heavenly & Blessed Parents, respecting that wisdom

care & carefulness, which must always be used, towards such Instruments, as God, thro your Heavenly Parents have, or may make choice of, to reveal his word & will to you.

The following scententces says Father must be kept Sacred and handed down from generation to generation.

My holy wisdom saith the Eternal source of Light, does forbid that whenever I make choice of any Instruments of earthly Clay, to reveal my Word & will to my Anointing on the Earth, that any should press with their feelings in words or hints, to any of them made use of, as an Instument (or mouth) for certain things, rules, or Orders, that they may desire to have said Instruments or Instrument, bring forth by Inspiration or revelation, in the name of your heavenly Parents, with my divine sanction; Save the Ministry, saith Holy Wisdom, & they should avoid it, as much as possible.

None of the Elders, or any of the Members, are to ask, any of the Instruments any such like questions, as the Following,

Dont Mother mean that this or that, shall be established so, & so? I dont want to press; you must speak just what Mother says. Dont Father & the Good spirits mean to have their minds & wills made known about such, & such, things before they leave us? We should be very thankful, if the Good Spirits are willing to know their minds & will in these respects.

How does our Heavenly Parents, feel about such & such things? Would they not be glad to have us do so & so? I wish you to speak or write just what they say, don't be swayed by our feelings, we have only Asked, so as to know their mind & will.

All such questions as the above, saith Holy Wisdom, where they concern the Body at large, of any particular Church Order, or Family, Must never be Asked thro' any Individual Instrument, save only, by the Leading Influence of that Bishopprick to which said Church, Order or Family, belongs, And by them it should be done with the utmost care. But if the Ministry should be gone, to be absent for some weeks, & there appears to be any urgent necessity of makeing enquiries thro'

this kind of medium respecting matters concerning the whole Family or Order (which case will seldom if ever happen) It must be done in Union, & in the presence of the whole Lot of Elders, established in the said Order or Family, & no where else must there be a hint given of any Individual Feelings, to those whom I have selected as mouths or Instruments. This Is, Holy Wisdom's Law, that the sacred things of God may be brought forth in their purity, & Established in his Wisdom; Thro' that Order & medium which he has placed on the Earth, to Lead the Children of His Zion.

Now see, that these things are kept, All ye who stand in the Holy Order of Our Anointing in this Place. For great Loss must ensue where ever this is broken, Saith Wisdom & Everlasting Truth, for that which is purely of my Divine Spirit & will can find means to make it self known. Then see that none press direct in this Line, upon the Vessels which I have chosen for this purpose. Lest I leave them to be destroyed. But whatever I send forth thro these Vessels, try it in my Holy Fear, Upon that Alter of Wisdom which I have given you. Before you suffer it to go forth to the People. Of all these things which I have spoken, Saith the giver of all good, hath my Holy Anointing which at present stand in the Lead, been careful to Observe & do according to the best Wisdom, that my Holy Spirit hath given them. Therefore receive ye the thanks & blessing of God your Heavenly Father.

Beloved Ministry, & Elders says Father James. As the time is very near at hand, that our Heavenly Father hath purposed to call us home, from walking to & fro in his Holy Zion, amongst our Children on the Earth, as we have done, or been doing for several years past, It has brought a Heavy labour upon your Blessed Mother & those with her, in respect to all the Sacred treasures & gifts, that God in his loving kindness hath communicated to our Charge, to give, in our Wisdom, to the Inhabitants of his Zion on Earth. I say, says Father James, that, while we were in this labour praying to our Heavenly Father, that of all the great—

Abundance which we had received at his hand, & given to our children on Earth, there might be nothing lost. Father William said, if Mother was willing, he wanted their feelings to be made known in short, to the Holy Anointed On Earth. in respect to all the Messages, & sacred writings which had been given, or might be for a short time hereafter, be given, to their Children on earth; And upon Father Williams return to us again, he said, Our feelings are in this respect, made known to the Holy Anointed on Earth, & notwithstanding their souls are full & hurried from day to day as are the Beloved Elders also. Yet they all are with us in both heart & hand, & will see that all the Sacred writings are gather'd up & carefully preserved in good Order, in their proper place, as the Sacred givings of God.

And this work will soon be commenced by some one or more whom in their wisdom may appoint. And then did your heavenly ~~Father~~ Parents rest in respect to this matter.

Untill after we had again returned to our Mantion; But as soon as our Spiritual bodies were all collected in Our Mantion, one of the Trumpets sounded & a Message bearing Angel of God, quickly enter'd our peaceful abode with a Roll in his hand; which he handed to Mother, requesting her to read it before he left. Mother opned the roll, & took from thence a small paper which she held in her hand while she read aloud, the words of the Roll, as follows. Cause ye, O Daughter of Zion, to be made known to the holy Anointed on Earth the words of this Roll. That they may Understand the full requirement of God, in respect to all the Sacred writings, & Messages which he hath caused to be sent forth, to the Inhabitants of his Zion on Earth. It is the will of your heavenly Father, beloved Lead, that ye appoint as many as two of your [illegible] Faithful brethren & ~~[illegible]~~ in this place. (Such as will handle, my sacred writings with holy fear & reverance) To prosecute the work, which you have begun,

untill it shall be completed. Whose duty it shall be under the immediate, inspection & direction of the Ministry & Elders, to gather all the Sacred writings & publick Messages, which have been given in the late Manifestations, in this Church & Society in general; So far as the Ministry may deem proper, & arange them in their proper Order, according to the date, & time in which they were given, specifying the name of the Instrument. Also the place Order & family, with the date of the year, day of the Month, & day of the week, so far as can be correctly ascertained. Which in all cases must be inserted upon the Origanal manuscript, so far as there is room, & entered upon the Record in which they are drawn, also perticularly entered upon the Regester. It is also the will of your Heavenly Father, beloved Lead, that all such things as have been given which more, immediately apply to individuals in presents or Family Gifts, of encouragement & instruction, be gather'd up by the Elders belonging to each Family. (Or by some suitable person whom they may appoint) and correctly placed upon record with each date thereto belonging, as before mentioned, specifying from whom & thro' what Instrument, & to whom it was sent.

But the individual Messages of sharp rebuke, showing the state & situation of certain members, ye shall in no wise enter upon your public or private records; for this is as the sins of my people, which if honestly confessed & repented of & (forsaken) or left off, Shall never be opned to the face of after generations. For I have completed the Order of my new creation, & established in my Zion, one Law, one Faith, & one body, which is Christ.

But the warning Voice of the Lord your God, thro' your heavenly Parents, in sharp rebuke, or chastisement, to the inhabitants of Zion in general, or to individuals Societies, Churches, or Families, ye shall correctly enter

upon your Sacred Record, that the works of my Almighty hand in this dispensation, of my Condescention in wonderful Manifestations, may be seen for Thousands of years to come, Yea saith the Lord, all the Sacred propecies & Manifestations which I have given, in this your day, keep with the utmost exactness, sacred & holy. And it is furthermore my will that all such Messages as have been given that were of a publick nature, & have not been recorded by the spirit of Inspiration. But have been sketched in the Journals that the Instruments thro whom they were given should turn their attention & labour in tribulation, untill I shall suffer them to be brought forward by the spirit of Inspiration. Suitable to be recorded in the Sacred volumns which ye are now required to collect, & put on Record without delay. For I have told you from the begining saith the Lord that I was not to work thro your heavenly Parents in vain. And I do also require, that the leading influence of every Society of my Zion on Earth, be finished as soon as may be, with such parts of the foregoing Roll as will enable them to get a correct understanding of what I do require in respect to these holy & Sacred things, where with I have blessed you, with saith the Lord. And when you have regulated & recorded all such things, as are of a public nature, you then are requaired, the first opportunity to transmit a true coppy of the same to the Ministry at New Lebanon.

Wisdom requires that the names of the Instruments should be retained by the Ministry & Elders, but not to spread in common. And this work which I do require, of regulateing, hunting up & putting in order the Sacred writings & messages which I have sent unto you, must be immediately attended to. And Let none think strange that I thus require it saith the Lord. For these things are mine. And whoever is appointed in this Church, or

any other Society to regulate the original manuscripts & & draw them on to record, shall have no loud boisterous talking, or laughing; or heavy walking in the Room, while they are in this duty; or unnecessary conversation about things which are not connected with the present duty. My Order for those that are called to this labour; in this my first Church. The two brethren that are called to attend to this duty, must every Morning, on entering the room, bow in my holy fear, & at 8 oclock of each day kneel down togather & pray that my blessing & strength, might rest upon them. Six days in a week, 8 hours of each day shall they unitedly attend unto this duty. Untill is is finished According to my requirements saith the Lord.

And it shall be the duty of the beloved Ministry, in connection with Elders, to carefully inspect this labour, at least twice each week, untill it shall be performed. And It is my will that at the present, the Holy Anointing remain in this first Church, & the church at Watervliet, Untill all that I require in this respect is accomplished, or properly regulated both in this place, & every other Society saith the holy spirit of Wisdom.

Here Mother finished reading the roll.

She then read from the small paper which she held in her hand while reading the Roll. The following words. Daughter of Zion, give this Furlow, when thou hast read it, into the hands of thy Son James. Words of the Furlow, it is the will of your Heavenly Father, that you remain in my First Church accessible, in the Line of Inspiration, Untill all that I require saith the Lord, in respect to my sacred writings is fulfill'd, & see that ye attend thereto strictly, that it be done according to my Will. Here Mother handed me the writing saying, well James you always loved the Cross, & here is another for you; go says Mother, be faithful & fulfill the requirement of God. Now beloved Ministry & Elders, says Father James, the requirement of God in respect to what he has given to his people; you with us can see, is very strict. But that which is our meat & drink is & Also your life & strength; which will always be

to do the will of God, your Heavenly Father, therefore think it not strange beloved Ministry & Elders, that these things are required to be finished in Order before Your heavenly Father shall cause to cease the present line of Communication from the Spiritual World, And heavy sufferings it will bring upon those, who are called to this sacred duty, untill it is done. And I shall be faithful to my trust says Father James.

None of those thus called are to make common talk of or about these sacred writings. Mother will sound her Trumpets again, & again, before she calls the Spirits home says Father James; And before she leaves; it is her desire, if the Ministry feel Union, that all her Instruments in this Church should write in short the feelings of their Souls. Their thankfulness for the privilege which she hath given them in the late manifestations, Also their Solemn strong & hearty promice, to abide faithful to the end, & sign their names to the same. These when collected are to be drawn into a Book by them selves, & safely kept by the Ministry. And Mother said let every Instrument know that this declaration of theirs, shall be the first thing that shall meet them in Eternity.

Beloved Ministry, Father James says it is the desire of our Heavenly Parents, (with your union) that all the Instruments in this part of the Church. (The same is required of all Instruments of the different Orders or Families composing the one Church of Christ on earth, so far as the Ministry may feel) should; when they write their faith & determination, togather with their feelings of thankfulness for the many privileges they have had to speak for Mother & those with her, should specify, with their name, their age, & the length of time they have been amongst Gods peculiar People. (The same is required of all Instruments in other Churches, & Families) And it is our wish that they be requested to transmit to the Ministry in this place, a true coppy of the writings, which the Instruments, are required to write. We wish to have all very particular in relation

to these sacred writings. To specify the year, Month day of the Month, day of the week, & hour of the day in which all the most important Communications were ~~consumed~~ commenced, writing, or speaking, thro Inspiration; whether it was in Meeting or out. we do not expect this can always be Identified. but so far as can be is our desire, Says Father James,
This the wisdom of God requires, for the benefit of futer ages.

With this my everlasting Love to you again & again, my Dealy Beloved.

March 6th 1841.

Welcome home: welcome to the Crown of never fading glory which you have justly won. This Crown is with rich jewels set, More precious far than gold. Your shining Robe, of spotless white Will be most glorious to behold.

For you have kept the gospel pure;
You've walked the strait and narrow way;
Eternal life you have secur'd,
And treasures that will ne'er decay.

For Eldress Dana.

The following Roll from Mother Ann to Russell Haskell, was given to an inspired Instrument, in March and April, 1841.

1. Hearken unto my words, and give ear to my voice, (says Mother.) ~~You are~~ Thou art truly my faithful child. ~~you were~~ Thou wast called into my vinyard in the days of ~~your~~ thy youth. Therefore, ~~you have~~ thou hast had a privilege to spend all ~~your~~ thy time and strength to the up building of the church of christ; and this ~~you~~ thou hast freely and willingly ~~have~~ done. Yea, (says Mother,) ~~you have~~ thou hast been a faithful steward: ~~you have~~ thou hast labored to build up the Church in its purity; ~~you have~~ thou hast spared no time nor pains, but ~~have~~ hast labored, with zeal ~~and~~ and fervency to establish ~~yourself~~ thyself on a foundation that cannot be shaken; yea, while many of ~~your~~ thy age and class have fallen off like withered branches, ~~you have~~ thou hast stood firm and unshaken. ~~You have~~ Thou hast always kept an obedient spirit to ~~your~~ thy appointed lead, and ~~have~~ hast kept ~~your~~ thy faith pure and unmarred from all opposition and unbelief. Yea (says Mother,) ~~you have~~ thou hast lived a life well pleasing in my sight: ~~you have~~ thou hast been true to ~~your~~ thy trust in all things, spiritually and temporally. 2. And now ~~you are~~ thou art called to be a watchman on the walls of Zion, and a helper shepherd over a part of the flock of Christ. Therefore I want ~~you~~ thee to speak often unto my children, and request them to be faithful, and labor, with zeal and faith, to gain a treasure that never will fail ~~them~~ them in time nor eternity. Yea, (says Mother,) tell them to be wise and careful, and treat this day of Gods visitation to them, as the only day of salvation that ever will be made known to them: for if they obey it, it will prove a savor of life unto life; but if they disregard it, it will prove a curse to them, and sink them far lower than those souls that never heard the Gospel. So now, my child, be encouraged, and guard and watch my little lambs, and keep them from straying away from the fold of the Lord, and getting lost in the wilderness of sin and discontentment; ~~And~~ and ~~you shall~~ thou shalt be repaid for all ~~your~~ thy toil and labor; yea, the blessings of heaven shall rest upon ~~you~~ thee, and ~~you shall~~ thou shalt be blest with the gift of inspiration, particularly in the gift of songs. 3. There are very few that are blest with the gift of singing as ~~you are~~ thou art; but I am satisfied with the improvement ~~you~~ thou dost make of it (says ~~your~~ thy heavenly Parent.) yea, ~~you have~~ thou hast taken unwearied pains to improve in this gift; and now ~~you are~~ thou art a great blessing to my little flock in this place, and a great comfort to ~~your~~ thy good Ministry in this world, and to the good ministering spirits and Angels that so often come to visit and to bless ~~you~~ thee. And now ~~says Mother~~, I send ~~you~~ thee my thanks with my true gospel blessing, for ~~your~~ thy faithfulness in singing, and ~~your~~ thy carefulness in walking my little straight and narrow path, and for ~~your~~ thy continual perusing ~~your~~ thy book of solemn and serious reflections, and the godly reverence ~~you have~~ thou hast always had for spiritual gifts, and the care ~~you have~~ thou hast taken of the gifts and presents that have been given to ~~you~~ thee, from time to time, both by me and by many other good spirits and Angels: yea, ~~you have~~ thou hast had a number of trumpets given to ~~you~~ thee. 4. So now blow ~~your~~ thy trumpets, and rejoice, while it is the time to rejoice; for by and by, when I call home my first born children, ~~you~~ ~~you will~~ thou wilt have many days of heavy tribulation to pass through: for ~~you will~~ thou wilt have a measure of the burden, to bear

that they now ~~bear~~, but remember and keep all all the good counsel that they give ~~you~~ thee; and ~~you shall~~ thou shalt have strength sufficient for ~~your~~ thy day. 5. And now, my child, ~~you may~~ thou mayest receive a cup of comfort, and always keep it with ~~you~~ thee, and drink when ~~you~~ thou dost feel to: tho ~~you have~~ thou ~~hast~~ have much outward tribulation, yet drink of this cup, and think of the many blessings ~~you have~~ thou hast had; and it will bring an inward comfort and consolation to ~~your~~ thy spirit. I send with this roll a little Angel, who will stay with ~~you~~ thee, day and night, until Se ane le va de lone vasae.

6. On this roll is written the Love of Mother Ann, Father James, Mother Lucy, Father Calvin, Mother Sarah, Eld. Br. Daniel, Eld. sister Lydia, Br. Eliphalet, Eld. James Slate, Dea. Nathan Tiffany, Phebe Green, Ruth Meacham, Judith Haskell, Aaron Emerson, Caleb Pease, Lucy Parker, and Samuel Foster.

Instru. Daniel Wilcox.

~~From Mother Ann to Russell Haskell.~~

~~April 11th, 1841.~~

Mother calls Attention to her words, and makes a brief Statement of his Manner of Life, 1. She gives salutary Counsel, ~~with~~ and the promise of a bountiful Reward to the Incumbent, in Obedience, 2. Her Thanks & Blessing for his Faithfulness in Singing and in other Duties, 3. Some further Counsel, 4th. Several Gifts with Love sent to him with the Roll, 5 and 6.

The following is Roll from Mother Ann, to John Slate; ~~April 4th, 1841.~~
was given thro' an inspired Instrument, in April, 1841.

1. Says Mother, ~~you was~~ thou wast called by the gospel in ~~your~~ thy youthful days; yea, ~~you was~~ thou wast brought up in the way of God from a child. ~~You received~~ Thou didst receive faith, & set out in this cross bearing way; and ~~you have~~ thou hast stood firm and unshaken in the way of God, from that day to this. And ~~you have~~ thou hast not been an idle servant in the church of Christ; ~~but you have~~ thou hast devoted ~~your~~ thy strength, time & talents, for the up-building & support of the United Society; yea, ~~you have~~ thou hast borne a heavy burden, for the most part of the time, from ~~your~~ thy youth up to this day; not in one family only, but ~~you have~~ thou hast been called to the stewardship, in different parts of the vineyard; and ~~you have~~ thou hast ever proved faithful & true to ~~your~~ thy trust. ~~You have~~ Thou hast labored hard, & spared no pains, by night or day, to promote the temporal interest of the church. Yea, ~~you have~~ thou hast passed through many trying scenes; and ~~you have~~ thou hast not flinched at the cross, nay ~~but you have~~ thou hast been a valient soldier. ~~You have~~ Thou hast fought the good fight, ~~you have~~ thou hast kept the faith thus far. And now (says Mother) I send ~~you~~ thee this roll of comfort; that ~~you may~~ thou mayest see I have not forgotten ~~you~~ thee; nay, I never shall forget or forsake ~~you~~ thee, while ~~you~~ thou continuest faithful in my vineyard. 2. But my child, I want ~~you should~~ thou shouldst labor to be all the help ~~you can~~ thou canst to the middle aged & rising generation, by encouraging them to press forward in the increasing work which is before them; that they may be prepared (when called) to fill the places of those who as yet bear the greatest ~~weight~~ heft of the burden; and that they may be able to meet those trying days which will surely overtake them, when I have called my first-born children home, to rest from their labors here below. And ~~you~~ thou my child, says Mother, art one of that number and ~~you have~~ thou hast lived to witness the great work of God which—

is now going on among my children; and it is my desire that ~~you~~ thou wouldst do all in ~~your~~ thy power, to help build up & support it, wherever you are;— both by your words & example. This will be a great comfort to me, and it will also be a great help & strength to the younger class, (as well as to those that are older,) and in this way ~~you will~~ thou wilt merit my love & blessing; yea, I can freely bless every such soul ~~says Mother~~.

But when I see any one treating the present manifestation of the wonderful work of God, with neglect & indifference, and speaking lightly of the precious gifts & blessings which have from time to time been given, & still continue to be given in great abundence, from the spiritual world, it grieves me exceedingly; and it does great hurt; especially when it is spoken before those that are young; & all that do it, will see the ~~the~~ time, that they will have it to meet, in sorrow. 3. And now my child, as ~~you~~ thou (for one) ~~have~~ hast had a privilege in the gospel, almost from the first of its commencement in this place, & hast heretofore been a bold advocate for the truth, I hope ~~you will~~ thou wilt not slack ~~your~~ thy hand, now in this great day of the visitation of God to his people on earth; but continue to be a valient Soldier in this good cause. For the enemy of souls is not asleep; but is busily at work, doing all that is in his power to do, to destroy the work of God; throwing in opposition, death & darkness, yea, every evil that can be named, he is ready to make use of, if possible to blind & stupify the soul. So it stands every one in hand to be wide awake & on their guard, lest they are taken unawares in some of his deceptive snares. And now ~~says Mother~~) ~~you~~ thou ~~are~~ art some what advanced in years; and ~~your~~ thy labors here on earth must of course be soon drawing to a close. Therefore, be faithful in the work of God, the few remaining days ~~you have~~ thou hast to

spend here below; and when ~~you have~~ thou hast finished the work which I have called ~~you~~ thee to do, ~~you shall~~ thou shalt be gathered, with the the rest of my firstborn children, to a mansion of rest; and with them receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away, and be clothed in a garment of righteousness that never will decay nor grow old.

4. You are to receive with this Roll, the love of Mother Ann, Father James, Father Calvin, Deacon Nathan Tiffany, Calvin Ely, Joseph Fairbank, Martin Wood, Justus Markham; (the aged) Mother Sarah, Elder Sister Lydia, Polly Markham, Molly Tiffany, Annis Slate, Rozina Allen, and many others.

Instru. Elsa Parsons.

~~From Mother Ann,~~

~~To John Slate.~~

How he was brought up; — he has borne a heavy Burden in temporal things, &c., 1. He is counseled concerning the rising Generations, 2. Some further Counsel, with a Promise of his being gathered to a mansion of rest, &c., 3. He is to receive Love, 4.

Chap. XI. A Communication from Mother and Father James, to the Elders in the Church, communicated to them through a visionary Instrument, in union Meeting, Sabbath, May 16th, 1841.

1, The Coming of the Ministry. 2, The Increase of the Spirits of God at New Lebanon. Much of felt for this Society. 3, Father James remembers the People here; prays for them, &c. 4th & 5th, A Time of severe Trial is coming; and the young must be prepared to meet it. 6, Much precious Love is given to the Elders. 7, We are not to borrow trouble about what is to take place. 8, The Elders give and receive Love.

Says Mother, You are anxious to have the good Ministry come and see you; But the time has not yet come for them to visit you. Be patient a while longer; be prepared to receive them when they come. Surely they will come; yea, and they will bring you many good & precious gifts: They are now gathering precious gifts, day by day, for their people here.

2. Remarkable it is, the great increase that is taking place at New Lebanon; a measure of which extends to other orders; and you may, when the time comes, step in & have a share. You are not forgotten; you are held in remembrance by us; and from time to time you are administered unto, as you stand in need.

How much your good Ministry do feel for you one & all! truly they do wish & pray that you may progress in the way of well doing.

3 Father James says, Of late, I have not been here quite as much as I was a while since; But know this, I have not forgotten you; I often think of you in old Enfield; yea, & many times do I pray for you; for your prosperity in the way of God.

What I have said regarding this society, will yet take place. For God will have a people here, that will worship him in spirit & in truth; and such God will own, and those only.

4. The time will come that your houses will be filled to overflowing: but that time is not yet. Trying times are coming; yea, that will try every soul. Those that are of the younger order, ought to pray that the days of the good older Brethren & Sisters may be lengthened out; that they may be able to give you more counsel. You will yet see the time that you will stand in need of all the good advice & counsel, you have from time to time received from them; Treasure up every word they say regarding the good way of God. They have had more experience than you have: therefore be willing to receive instruction from them.

A while hence, & then all of Mothers first born Children will have been called home; and then trying times will come. They are to be spared; for they have nearly filled their measure

of suffering for the way of God. But the younger order have as it were been carried along by the good older faithful Brethren & Sisters. But the time is coming, that you will have to stand alone: yea, & you may think that you not only have to bear for yourselves, but for others also. True you will have a great burden to bear for souls who unite in this way; which is no more than your reasonable duty; seeing you have been helped thro many trying scenes, by those who had more experience than you.

5. When the good older Brethren & Sisters are taken from you, then will come the times of which you already have had some notice: such times as you cannot now realize.
Persecution will rage; yea, already the wicked begin to show themselves but the time will come, that some who are apparently friendly, will throw off the disguise, & come out opposed.
The world loves its own: and you may & must expect trouble. It will take place. Therefore gather a substance, against the time of need: for surely the time will come, when you will willingly gather every crumb. Now gather; while there is a fulness, lay up a store.

6. Mother, Father James, Deacon Northam, Elder Sister Lydia, Molly Meacham and many other Spirits, and a host of Angels, gave their united love to the Elders.
Mother said she was authorised to bring Christ's love to the Elders. ~~Says~~ Mother said, We feel, yea, & we do know the Elders are trying to do the best they can: they are therefore justified. From time to time, ~~says Mother~~ they will be administered unto, as need requires. yea, good Angels & ministering spirits are always around, keeping a watch: many times do they come, & are invisible to all here in the body.

7. ~~Says Mother~~ Borrow no trouble ~~for~~ on account of what is to take place a while hence; sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.
Those that live to see the day which is prophisied of will have help & strength for the day given them.
~~Time~~ Times from time to time, you are advised in part, of what will yet take place yea, all that is necessary for you to know, will be told you.

The following Roll from Mother Ann ~~to~~ Elijah Kellogg, was given to an inspired Instrument, Sabbath, ~~P.M.~~ May 23 - 1841. aged 14 years.

~~A roll from Mother Ann to Elijah Kellogg~~

1. Now, my child, (says Mother,) ~~thou art~~ you are called and ~~thou art~~ you are chosen out of the world, to learn the way of truth, and to walk in it. ~~Thou wast~~ You was taken in among believers when ~~thou wast~~ quite young, and ~~thou hast~~ you have had, and still ~~do~~ have a privilege to learn obedience; which is truly a great study. 2. To learn to be obedient to ~~thy~~ your Elders and those that have the care of ~~thee~~ you, ought to be ~~thy~~ your greatest object; ~~thou~~ you must remember that they know what is best for ~~thee~~ your better than ~~thou dost~~ you do; and if their counsel to ~~thee~~ you should be a little crossing some times, ~~thou~~ you must never mind that, but ~~thou~~ you must take up ~~thy~~ your cross against ~~thy~~ your own natural self-pleasing ways, and unite with whatever is given for ~~thy~~ your good. 3. I want ~~thou shouldst~~ you should be gaining an understanding faith that will be an everlasting benefit and support to ~~thee~~ you; that ~~thou mayest~~ you may be able to stand against every temptation of the enemy [the devil]: ~~that~~ so that ~~thou mayest~~ you may grow up in the way of God, and shun a flood of evil that ~~thou wouldst~~ you would, unavoidably, run into, if ~~thou wert~~ you were not among the people of God. 4. ~~Thou~~ You ought to be exceeding thankful that ~~thou~~ you art among believers, and for the beautiful privilege ~~thou hast~~ you have of labouring out of all sin and loss.

5. As ~~thou art~~ you are yet young, ~~thou wilt~~ you will (~~says Mother~~) be able to do a great deal of good, if ~~thou art~~ you are faithful, and art always obedient to ~~thy~~ your care-takers; and ~~thou wilt~~ you will be amply rewarded for all the good ~~thou canst~~ you can do. so be faithful, kind and Obedient.

6. With this roll, the love of Mother Ann, E. Br. Daniel Br. Grove and Samuel Foster, is freely given to ~~thee~~ you.

Instru. George Willcox.

How he is called and chosen, 1. Exhortation to Obedience, 2. Mother's earnest Desire for his Prosperity in the Way of God, 3. Thankfulness is required, 4. She concludes, by citing him to faithfulness, ~~&c.~~ 5 and 6.

August 21th. 1841

Sabbath A.M. in meeting

Elder Brother Daniel came with words of love for Elder Brother Asa and Elders Sister Clarissa in particular to them saying my dear Elder Brother and Sister I feel verry much for you as you are situated at this time you have a great burden to ~~bare~~ bear in the family that you are place,d over becaus of the disturbence that is without. yea, says ~~the~~ it brings a great deal of feeling into your family of all most all sorts and kinds yea the ~~the~~ aged brethren and the young are in my sight confused in ~~the~~ thare pure feelings but they do not deserve it as much as I do. Tharefore I speak to you my Brother and Sister for ye to bear hard ~~of~~ on that opisite sense that is among your Family These words I send to you with a feeling that you make a seperation between our blessed Mothers spirit and the spirit of ~~the~~ confusion it must be done by Mothers Love Tharefore in union with Farther Jesus and Mother ~~Ann~~ and ~~the~~ our beloved Elders and Saints I will send you half of a bushel of love of the purest and best kind in a large handle basket it is for you ~~to~~ Elder Brother and Sister to recieve a large share first because of your burden in your family and else where And then for Brother Russel and Sister Else, to recieve a good share for they stand in union with you to help you and the Family along and then for my Aged Bretheren and Sisters for them to share bountifully in my blessing and Mothers Love for they have stood through many a fiery trials with me I love them much I feel as if thare present trial was great but Mothers Love and blessing is greater I would say that it is in the power of ~~you~~ Elder Brother and Elder ~~Sis~~ Sister to strengthen and support these my Aged Bretheren and Sisters for Mother has given it to me to give to ~~them~~ you. The midle age and young are not forget they must think on Mothers Love and on me those that ~~are~~ know me and recieve a full share of love from the basket that I give Elder Brother he is to give out the love with his right hand in large handfulls this will ~~be~~ cause a seperation ~~be~~ betwen the good and

I feel very much for the young in you family I want to see them low and humble do beg of them to be simple and loveing for the work is good and if children are good when thay are young and continue faithfull thay will make good believers for the strength of Zion is growing strongger and stronger

To Elder Brother and Eldress Sister will you so kind as to recieve my love in union with all of the heavenly host as you freely recieve so you must freely give to all who are worthy yea give my love and blessing to whom you see ~~fit~~ are worthy to all under your care in evry Family

From your Friend and Brother Daniel

Chap. XXIII.

~~Enfield September 25th 1841.~~

A short communication from Holy Mother Wisdom to the Ministry; given to her inspired Instrument, Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1841.

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1. Dearly beloved, in whom I am well pleased, I have looked upon the children of thy choosing, whom thou hast anointed with my Holy anointing. In the wisdom of thy heavenly Father, and Me your Holy Mother, hast thou chosen them. I have heard thy prayrs, and known thy tribulation. And I surely will be present at the time appointed, and bless thee and them with my everlasting blessing. Yea, and to all of Mothers Children, will I give blessings, according to their faithfulness and obedience to the requirements of their Heavenly Father, made known to them in this day, through Angels & Ministering Spirits, whom he has chosen, and sent upon earth for this purpose.

2. And through the instruments thou hast chosen, and prepared to receive my word, will I speak plainly, clearly, and in simplicity. And not one jot or tittle of my word shall fail.

3. Unto the two Witnesses, will I give power and strength. To thee, my well beloved, will I give wisdom and understanding.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

Holy Mother Wisdom's Promise.

** 1, She speaks of the Preparation that the Ministry have made for her Coming. A blessing will be bestowed on them and the Instruments of their chusing and others who are worthy. 2 & 3, Concerning Wisdom's Instrument and the Witnesses.

Chap. XXIV.

~~Enfield, September 25th 1841.~~

The following Message from Mother Ann, was given to an inspired instrument, Saturday P. M. Sept. 25th, 1841. ~~by Mother Ann~~

1. In ** these days of tribulation, let no loud talking or laughing be heard among you.

Your dwellings are guarded by Angels; that the inhabitants thereoff may have a peaceful abode. Let no idle words proceed from your lips: for those already spoken, must be brought into judgement. The day is hastening on, when every ones works will be tried, of what sort they are.

Gird up the loins of your minds, and be strong; having your feet shod ~~gospel~~ with the preperation of the gospel of peace. Labour to be meek and humble: bow your hearts unto God, and in low humilliation seek his favor. Draw near to your Holy Mother; and she will draw near to you, and bless you with that blessing you have earned by faithful obedience to the call of God which has been to you.

Turn your sense from earthly things; and labour to be prepared for the coming of your Holy Mother Wisdom. Give your selves up, soul and body, as willing subjects & obedient children to the gift she has sent you; & it will be your everlasting gain, through time & eternity.

My much loved children, remember to keep the fear of God, as I have often taught you heretofore. 2. Dear children, I shall soon leave you; I have not flattered you with lies; neither will I now; but the simple truth will I once more speak unto you. There cannot any one of you meet your Heavenly Father & Holy Mother in peace, neither can I own ~~any~~ one, with sin or wrong willfully concealed from the witnesses of truth, who are placed as Mediators between God & man, and before whom you are called to acknowledge your faults by an honest confession.

3. Often, often have I called; & now do I call again; yet once more do I warn you to prepare for the coming of your Holy, Holy Mother. Hearken, my children; hear ye this my last & finishing call.

4. To such as have slighted the kind Invitations and Solemn warnings which the Heavenly Father in his Mercy has repeatedly given, thro his ministering spirits; I say repent; repent before you again close your eyes in sleep, or you will be left to feel the horors of a guilty conscience. And tho you should call & call, I cannot hear; for my labours on earth are drawing to a close, & will soon be finished; yet once, once more, do I sound, yea, loudly do I sound my trumpet; that the ears of the deaf may hear, and their Souls may awake to righteousness.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

** ~~Moth~~, She counsels her Children how to prepare for the Coming of Holy Mother Wisdom. 2, She condescends to speak once more in Regard to Confession. 3, She invites Attention to her finishing Call. 4, She solemnly calls upon those who have slighted the kind Manifestations from Heaven, to repent quickly.

Chap. XXX.

A Message from Mother Sarah; communicated by her to a visionary Instrument, Thursday, Jan. 27th 1842, and The spiritual Paper containing what she read or spoke to the* Instrument, was brought from Pittsfield to this place by our Ministry.

~~The following Communication was given by Mother Sarah, to an inspired Instrument at Hancock, Sabbath Jan 9th 1842~~ * Addressed particularly to the younger Class.

1. Dearly beloved children; the most part of you were ~~was~~ called by the gospel in your younger days, and have had a long privilege of traveling in the path of selfdenial and the cross, which was plainly marked out by blessed Mother Ann. This path has been growing straighter and straighter, till it has become so straight, that no soul can step aside, who is awakened to sense the requirement of the day in which they live, without feeling a weight of tribulation, and the necessity of an honest confession. 2. Dear children; you are called to strip yourselves of everything which tends to bind the soul, or hinder your progress in the work of purification. Mother is calling for free volunteers. Hear ye her call. Equip yourselves with gospel armor; and as valiant soldiers in the cause of truth, be willing to bear crosses, endure trials, and suffer privations, for the increase of the gospel in your own souls; and that you may be helps to others, who will look to you for a perfect example.

Be careful, dear children, about judging the gifts that are for you; for they are from the Father of mercies, who knoweth what you need. Think not of pleasing yourselves in this day: but strive with your whole soul, to feel devoted and wholly given up to do the will of Him who hath called you by his grace to the everlasting gospel of Salvation; And to whom you must be accountable for the precious gifts you receive, through the intercession of your ever blessed Mother, and others with her, who still feel for their children on earth. Be willing to suffer ~~to suffer~~ ~~to lay down your lives~~ for the increase of the gospel, even to the laying down of your lives; that you may be joined to your spiritual parents, who are made perfect thro sufferings, and to be worthy to dwell with them in the mansions of glory.

3. Fear not, dear children, tho' you should have to pass through the furnace in Zion; that your faith may be tried, and your

souls purified from the last and least remains of dross. Put your trust in the word that is placed in Zion; and you shall not be injured, neither shall any thing be consumed, but that which your parents in heaven cannot own. Obey their counsel, for they are fully able to protect and guide you through dangers, and to administer comfort in times of tribulation. And though you should be stripped of all that is pleasing to the natural mind, you shall not be deprived of any thing but that which shuts the blessing of God from your soul.

4. Verily, the day of the Lord has come, and his people hearken to his counsels. The time of his righteous judgements upon the ungodly draweth nigh. The sword of violence shall yet be sheathed, and the inhabitants of creation shall learn war no more. Then shall the cruel hand of the oppressor be cut off from troubling you, and you shall dwell in the arbour of peace, in the sanctuary of your God. The willing and the obedient he now feedeth with the bread of humiliation, and giveth them to drink the water of repentance; While the rebellious and disobedient are left to feed on deadly poison, and to drink the bitter cup of woe woe woe.

5. Dear children, think, O think on the sufferings of your Lord and Savior, and of his holy Apostles, think seriously on the sufferings, hardships, dangers and fatigues of your blessed Mother Ann, and those faithful witnesses with her, who were helpers in planting the gospel, and laying a permanent foundation for their followers. Behold the day cometh, when the works that are built thereon, will be tried, of what sort they are. Every secret thing will be brought into judgement, and truth and righteousness will reign in the hearts of the children of God.

~~Thursday Jan 27th~~ Instru. Averil Haskell.

1, The Increase of Straitness in the Path of Self-denial. 2 & 3, She gives needful Instruction and Counsel, with encouraging Promises. 4, The State of the Wicked and also of the Righteous at a future Period. 5, She calls upon the young to think of the Sufferings endured by the first Ministers of the Gospel; and then cites them to a Time of Trial and a Work of Judgment among the Children of Zion.

A Letter from Father Calvin to Russel Haskell; given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Sabbath, Feb. 20th, 1842.

~~Enfield Conn. Feb 20th 1842~~

Brother Russel,

1. I have thought to write unto you, of long time; but have failed of accomplishing my design until now; at which time I shall endeavor to include the substance of what I intended to write, a considerable time ago. 2. Well Beloved, be strong; be valiant; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; be a cause of flight unto the enemy; guard the sheep; strengthen the weak; bind up the broken hearted; be eyes to the blind; ears to the deaf; and a tongue to the dumb; a parent to children; and a dutiful son to the aged and infirmed, who have been a lamp to your feet, and have instructed you in the way of your duty, in days and years that are past and gone.

3. Dear Brother, be careful, that ye are not deceived: for satan is always trying to insinuate some thing into the mind, that will cause a division; therefore it needs great care, to always keep him upon his own premises.

4. It has been a cause of pleasure to me, that you have been so faithful and dutiful as you have been. And now it is for you to press on, and be increasing with the increase of God; for the work of the Gospel is increasing, and growing straiter and straiter, and purer and purer; therefore you must press forward, and treasure up the precious gifts of God, and gather up the precious rules and orders of the Church, and practice them and teach those that are under your care, and those that come after you, to do the same. Let nothing daunt your courage nor lessen your zeal in the cause that you have undertaken; for without perseverance the prise will not be obtained; but in faithful perseverance in the cause, and work that you have begun, you shall receive an everlasting prise, that will be satisfying, consoling, and comforting to your soul.

5. You have freely received the Holy Ghost, which is able to save the soul;

therefore you must freely and bountifully give to those that ask.

For many will yet come to the people of God, to hear the word of the Lord, and to know what they shall do to be saved. Then shall ye instruct them, and teach them their duty to God and to their own souls: As ye have been taught, so shall ye teach them.

6. The way of God must be kept, and a testimony of truth borne and maintained; and every one ought to be active in the work; there ought not to be one sluggard or idle soul in the camp.

If there be any that will not take up their cross and be good, they will be cast out, as unprofitable, and unworthy of the blessing and protection of heaven. But it is my desire, that every one would be wise; yea, wise for themselves; and wise unto salvation; and gather to the work of God, while they may: for the day is coming, and now is, that every heart will be searched: for the Lord God hath spoken it.

7. So be not discouraged nor dismayed; for the word of the Lord is just and true; and no good thing will be with-holden from them that walk up-rightly.

8. With these few lines receive my everlasting love and never failing blessing, and my prayers for your protection in the way of truth.

Calvin Harlow.

Instru. George Wilcox.

1, Introduction. 2 and 3, He briefly reminds the Person whom he addresses, of many important Duties, which he must observe and do. 4, He exhorts him to Perseverence. 5, He requires him to minister the holy Spirit and the Word of eternal Life to those who will come and want to be saved. 6, How every One ought to feel engaged in the Work of God, which is heart-searching. 7 & 8, He concludes, with Encouragement, Love &c.

Father James' Prayer, which an inspired ~~and~~ visionary Instrum[ent] heard him repeat, ~~The following prayer was heard repeated at intervals by Father James~~, be-
Intervals,
tween 2 and 3 o'clock, Sabbath, P.M. Feb. 27th, 1842: written the same d

Chapter XXXIII.

1. O thou holy and righteous Father; Will thou, in thy ~~in thy~~ mercy never ending, hear this day the petition of thy innocent children? The tear of affliction wilt thou wipe away; their griefs assuage, and cause the flood of evil to abate? The foaming billows of envy, wilt thou calm; make desolate the cotages of Elon; and crush the designs of those vile offenders who seek to harm thy chosen people. In their dark paths of mischief, may thy judgements await them, that thy children may dwell together in peace, and offer their devotions in safety around thy throne of grace. Nevertheless, O Lord, according to thy righteous will let it be.

2. O hear thy children, — they groan for deliverance; — their souls in tribulation cry to thee, O Heavenly Father; They cry, poor and needy. With grateful hearts for the many blessings thou hast already showered in abundance upon them, they adore thy power; they crave thy love; they seek thy mercy, and entreat thy favor, O Lord, now and forever. In anthems of prayer their voices echo thy praise. They confide in thy gracious promises; they trust in thy saving power.

3. O merciful Father, thou art their strength, their defense, and sure protector. Thine arm is around them, and thine eye continually upon them. Yea, thou art ever nigh, with an ear listening to the supplications of thy children. In humble resignation to thy holy will, they bow before thee, and seek thy protection. In humiliation they kneel in thy presence, and implore thy assistance. 4. O thou holy and just One; Will thou, in thy boundless charity and love, condescend to help thy suffering children in this place. O teach them thy holy fear; and through thy anointed and chosen give them lessons of instruction.

O holy, holy Father,
O help, O feed ~~thou~~ our souls each day
With heavenly blessings on our way;
This prayer thy children truly pray.
O holy holy Father.

O holy holy Mother,
When low to thee thy children kneel,
Thy power and goodness may they feel;
And hidden things wilt thou reveal,
O holy holy Mother.

Instru. Averil Haskell.

clear and bright before thee; and it will grow brighter and brighter, as thou ~~dost~~ dost walk therein. 6. And now, beloved Child, there is strength and comfort for thee: Yea, thou hast a comforting angel, Vicalan, ~~which~~ who is to remain with thee as long as thou ~~dost~~ dost stay in this world; And when on earth thy work is done, thy lovely Father James shall take thee by the hand, and lead thee to fountains of living water; where thou shalt drink, and drink, and thirst no more.

7. Farewell, farewell, my little child; in love in love in purest love I close these simple lines.

Instruments, Phebe Wilcox & Loviny Davis.

~~From Christ~~

~~To Russel Haskell~~

1, Jesus ~~He~~ describes the Faithfulness of his Child in the Work of Salvation. 2, He is exhorted to be encouraged. 3, How he has kept within the Fold, and been comforted in tribulation. 4, His Prayers, &c. 5, His Thankfulness for the late glorious Manifestation, in which he has received many precious Gifts and Blessings. 6, Of the Strength and Comfort there is for him. 7, Jesus bids farewell in Love.

A Roll from Jesus Christ to Russel Haskell; a part of which was given to an Instrument by Vision, and the Remainder to another Instrument by Inspiration Sabbath, March 20, th 1842.

1. Thou art a true and faithful child of your blessed Mother Ann. Thou hast labored in deep tribulation; that thy garments may be made white: yea, thou hast labored with all thy mind, might and strength, that thou might find an increase in the way of selfdenial and the cross. Thou hast labored to come into every gift, and to follow thy appointed lead in all things; neither hast thou slighted the least gift which has been ~~sent~~ unto thee: thou hast with a thankful heart labored to gather thy full share; and this shall be a strength and support to thee in days of deep tribulation.

2. Be encouraged, my lovely child; for thou art owned by thy heavenly parents ve re lan vo sile van cula. Thy garments shall be lilly white; and thy soul shall be purifyed with the everlasting gospel of truth; and thy days shall be crowned with glory and honor. 3. Dearly beloved, thou art a little lamb of my flock. Thou hast never strayed from my fold; but thou hast kept within hearing of my voice: yea, thou hast received from my hand the healing balm and heavenly comfort, when in hours of deep tribulation.

4. Thou hast often bowed thy spirit low, yea, low in humble supplication before thy God; and thou hast prayed for a broken heart and a contright spirit. In years that are past, thou hast prayed for a further increase of the work of God to take place among the children of Zion. Beloved child, the prayrs of the faithful have been answered; yea, the windows of heaven are opened, and rich blessings are daily showered down upon the people of God.

5. Beloved one, thou hast lived to see a glorious day; for which thou dost ~~dost~~ breathe out thy soul in thankfulness and gratitude to thy God. Thou hast ~~thou hast partaken~~ partook freely of the precious gifts of God: thou hast eat of the bread of life and ~~hast~~ drank of the pure waters of life; and thy soul has been refreshed with the dews of heaven. Thy path has been made

A few Words from the Lord Jesus; spoken to an inspired and visionary Instrument, in Meeting, Sabbath. P. M., April 3, 1842.

In the latter part of the meeting, which was held in the meeting house, Christ our beloved Savior came, encircled with angels. He addressed the brethren and sisters as follows. O my little ones, ye who are the children of your heavenly Parents, fear not, fear not; for truly I am with you. I have come to bring the balm of consolation; I have come to bring peace; I have come to bring comfort; and I have come to bring the love of your Heavenly Father: this the faithful shall receive. I have come to bring a vial of wrath; and upon the unfaithful will I pour forth the reward of their Labors, untill they feel the judgments of their God.

Do not be discouraged nor cast down; but put your trust in your God; for with him all things are possible. Follow your appointed Lead in all things. Be wise, be careful, in all you say, and especially before the world of mankind. Labor to have love one towards another; for by this shall ye be known. Give no occasion for the enemy to throw in his poisonous darts. When the wicked who have left the way of salvation, are lurking about you, trying to contrive some way to afflict the faithful; then if in low humiliation you implore your Heavenly Father and beloved Parents to draw nigh unto you, they will in no wise be deaf to your prayers; they will extend peace and quietness unto you. Yeas dear children, remember

the promise that your Heavenly Father has given in his holy laws. He has promised to protect his chosen in the hollow of his hand. I leave, with all the faithful, my love & blessing.

Instru. P. W.

A Communication from Jesus Christ to Eld. Brother Asa Tiffany; given to an Instrument by Inspiration, Sabbath, April 17th, 1842.

~~Enfield Apr. 17th 1842~~

1. Beloved Elder Brother,

Peace and quietness be multiplied unto thee. Thou art worthy to enter into rest; and soon thou shalt be released from the clog of earth, and join the celestial body of shining spirits above. 2. But listen a moment, and hearken to the voice of thy Redeemer.

I (saith Christ) once dwelt upon earth as ye do, and had a great work to do, to plant the gospel in the hearts of those who were willing to receive it: but I accomplished it, and finished the work that was for me to do, and resigned my spirit to him who gave it; knowing that there were those left on earth, that were able to bear the burthen, and preach the word to others, as I had to them.

Your Mother Ann also, in the days of her ministration on earth, had to remain instructing and helping the believers, and bearing the scoffings and ridicule of a wicked world, until there were those who were able to succeed her in the ministry. In like-manner ~~[illegible]~~ Father James, Father Joseph, and not they only, but ~~all~~ the ministry and Elders all the way along, have stood in their lot, until others were raised up to supply their places. And this is ~~[illegible]~~ thy calling; to remain a few days more in time, until there are those that will be able to supply thy place, and be an honor to the Gospel, by standing firm and steadfast in the gift of God, as thou hast done. 3. So be incouraged, Beloved; for thou shalt be supported and borne up through every trial; and all the burden that shall come upon you shall not overpower you; for you shall continually have helps and strength administered to you; not sparingly but bountifully.

And when thou art released from earth, thou shalt meet thy Mother, who shall make the Welcome, Welcome.

4. Be so kind as to receive this short communication from the lover and savior of mankind, also his never fading love.

Instru. George Wilcox.

1, He is saluted with Words of Quietness and Comfort. 2 & 3, He is ~~required~~ called to remain a while longer in the Body, ~~having the Promise~~ which will be greatly strengthend & supported ~~by a~~ from a divine Source, &c. 4, The Savior's Love to be received with the Communication.

A Message from Father Calvin; given by Inspiration, Sabbath, May 8th 1842.

~~May 8th 1842~~

1. O ye little ones of your heavenly parents; ye who walk in the little straight and narrow path of your blessed Mother Ann; ye who day by day travel in the gloryous way of the cross: unto such can I with loving kindness come nigh, ~~unto~~ and converse freely; for they are holy. Those who from their childhood have been gathered from among the wicked and unclean children of this world; unto such I say, peace be unto you; for you are truly the rightful heirs of your heavenly parents labors. 2. My dear children, meny are the times I have bowed my spirit low, and prayed unto our Heavenly Father and to ~~your~~ holy Mother, that the precious gifts of God might be showered down upon you; that you might have your full shair. Dear children, do you not feel willen to labor for the heavenly frute s of the spirit? If you prise the precious way of God above the fleeting things of this world, which serves to shut from the mind that abideing comefort ~~that~~ the soul enjoys when imployed in the gifts that flow from the fountain of all goodness; why not give your whole soul to labor more for the things ~~that~~ upon which your souls must ~~have to~~ feed, ~~upon~~ or wither and die, like a branch that receives no nurishment from the true vine? When I was with you, did I not teach you to labor for one union? did I not tell you that your calling was holy? did I not ~~tell~~ ~~you~~ exhort you to labor for the things of the spirit, and not give your minds to covet this worlds goods; but if you was faithful, you would be blessed with every thing for your comefort? and have you not seen my

words verified? Surely you have. 3. My faithful ones, when I was in the body, and stood as a helper and supporter to you, I labored in deep tribulation with ~~the~~ all under my care, to establish the holy orders of God. And I have beheld you with pleasure, meny times since, laboren to keep the foundation orders; and my soul flows with gratitude, to see the increasing work among mothers children.

4. You have not been left without a lead, to guide and help you along. After my decease, the leading burden fell on a faithful crossbearer, who has ever labored for your good; and in words of loving kindness has he invited and encouraged you on in the selfdening work of the gospel. All who have given heed to his counsel, have been under the blessen of their Heavenly Father. 5. Now my beloved ones, press on with new courage: for the work is swift; and every one must be disencumbered from every thing that does not gather to christs kingdom: yea, the way is as strait as straitness; and no one can walk in this path, without they have given up the idols of time, and feel willen to loos their life, that they may gane life eternal,

In the mansions of heaven
Forever to dwell,
And with Christ and mother
complect redemption sing.

6. As a kind and tender father have I meny a time met with you: when dark clouds gathered around you, semenly every moment redy to burst forth upon you; when the enemy was striving, with every alluring snare he could devise, to decoy and draw aside the young and unexperanced minds; then did I with you cry unto the God of heaven and earth, to provide

some way that souls might, if they would, gane an abiding faith, that would be unto them an ancor both sure and stedfast. And he in his gracious mercy heared the suplication of his needy children, and condisended to shower down the richest of his blessens; that no one could have eny room to doubt. And now see ye what youse and improvement you make of the smolest of there rich blessens: for they are not given to be trifeled with, or considered as matters of but little importiance.

Reseive, every one, my holy and pure love.

Instru. Phebe Wilcox.

~~A Message From Father Calvin~~

Communications and Presents from good spirits to Jefferson White while at the City of Peace, Oct. 6 & 7th. 1842.

Oct. 6th. Visited Mount Sinia, in company with one of the Brethren. while there An Inspired one spake as follows.

Christ presents you with his love in the form of a Belt; and says put it round you; and wear it. It will strengthen you, to bear up under all trials that may come upon you.

The Patriarch Seth presents you with an Ivory staff, the head of which is pure gold. He says there is writing on the gold, which are words of comfort to the person who receives the staff; and perhaps the time will come, that it will be made known what the writing is.

Thursday evening Oct. while in meeting with the Church in the Brick house, An Inspired one spoke as follows. I have a pair of Moccasins from the Natives for you, also some Ear rings, and a blanket: I likewise have a Belt for you from a Native Chief. you are so bright I can scarcely behold you: what a bright spirit you possess! how you shine!

I will go with you, says Oweko. That is thy name; I will accompany you to Enfield. I have a drawn sword; with which I am to protect the people of God in that place. I will comfort you. How do you like the name Oweko? I answered very well. Then that shall be thy name. I was a Chief of the Chippeways; and you must be a chief, and stand against all the enemies of the people of God at Enfield.

Friday Oct. 7th. I Jefferson White visited Sarah Markham at the Dwelling house; in company with Eld. Brs Amaziah & Joseph Wicker.

An Inspired one was present. who spoke as follows.

Father Calvin presents you with a Union basket for yourself. put it on your right arm. It contains the love of Mother Ann. Father James. Father William, Father Joseph & Mother Lucy. In the bottom of the basket are four flowers of the Orange tree. In the basket is a gold cup filled with Wine right from Mother Ann. presented by Father Calvin. Of this wine Father says you may drink at any time you feel the need of it. and Mother Ann says, the cup shall be filled again, yea. it shall be kept full. you will feel so rejoiced at the contents of the cup, that you sometimes will scarce be able to keep on your feet: such a powerful effect the wine will have upon your mortal body.

There is a Primrose in the basket, very perk. There is a box of Jewels in the basket; and they are very bright. All do not receive these presents;

But those who were called in their youth or childhood, and have been faithful to take up their cross from their childhood up are worthy of these presents; yea, bright jewels shall be given them. In the basket is a Flower of Paradise, very beautiful; it covers or is above all the other flowers. There is a Trumpet in the basket, which you may use says Father when you feel to. It is a gospel trumpet. Blow it, and sound it aloud, you bold & valiant spirit.

Here is a golden chain, which is to put around your neck; it crosses on your breast. Here is the cross. A daily cross you must take up. There is a golden chain, which is wound round you from head to foot, and binds you to your Ministry and Elders. This golden chain extends before you on either side, making a strait and narrow way. How strait the way is! Mother Ann says, that if you will be careful to walk this strait & narrow way, you shall, from time to time, receive encouragement from her and those with her. I thanked Father Calvin for those presents, and promised that I would be careful to walk the meek & lowly way. He replied, I know that you will walk the strait & narrow way, unto the end of your days. And those presents we give to you, you may keep, as long as you live here upon earth; yea, you may carry them into the world of spirits with you, and it will be the joy of holy Angels to accompany you, when you leave the body, to go to the mansions above; yea, they will rejoice, to behold those lovely bright presents that are in your basket. How very bright they are! Thou art my son, in whom I am well pleased –

Father James is here said the Inspired one – and he says you have been benevolent; yea, you have been kind to both old & young. yea, to Mothers first born you have showed many acts of kindness. verily you will not lose your reward, says Father. you will be a comfort to the aged; yea, to Mothers first born and also to the youth & children. The youth & children will reverence you, and gather to you for strength & comfort. you will increase in the beautiful gifts of God; yea, many beautiful gifts you will yet receive.

Is not this cheering news to you? I know it is; and verily you will see it all fulfilled. yea, the old & young will feel grateful to you, for your kindness to them. Therefore take courage, & persevere in the good way.

Our Lord & Savior is here, said the inspired. He says, Br. Jefferson, be not dismayed nor cast down, because the wicked seek to trouble the people of God; Do not let these things bear you down. Arise, rise above all such feelings; Rise in the spirit, up up above all that is here below. you shall receive help. I know that much is committed to your trust & care. but do not let these things hinder your feeling in your own soul the enlivening gifts & power of God; you shall receive help & encouragement from me, thro all trials that may come upon you. So receive ye my love; which will be a comfort unto you.

City of Peace, Dec. 19, 1842.

Holy Anointed, The remaining third part of the communication promised in the City of Union is now given unto the Instrument thro whom it was intended to be given, and I will cause it to be correctly written so that all may fully understand the things whereof I have communicated my will.

Chapt. II.

I the Lord your God am a just God, and will in no wise own injustice in any one. I am a God of truth and will accept no one in falsehood. I am a God of order, and will not accept any in willful disorder, I am a God of mercy and will forgive all who repent and come unto me.

Holy Anointed, I know that ye walk in tribulation and that ye desire that all who are under your care should travel correctly in my holy way of salvation, and never step aside nor stumble. I know that ye labor and strive to accomplish this work in all, and that ye are unceasing in your labors to do my will, as ye are required by your anointing. Yet have ye found that souls are not as ye desire they should be in the present manifestation of my power, therefore do I make this communication unto you.

I am a just God, I see what is, I know the thoughts and intents of the hearts of those who profess to be of the number of my saints, and this have I seen among them. I have seen the hard and impenitant heart of unbelief judging the holy gifts I have sent unto my people. I have seen these impenitent ones committing sin and trampling on my holy laws in the midst of my Zion on earth. I have seen the hearts that thought they were cunning and crafty in keeping out of sight of their visable Lead, and thought not that they were in my sight.

I have seen the righteous derided by those who

say they are my people; yet love deceit. I know those who intend to slight the holy things that I give unto the righteous, and set at naught my warnings, and still mean to continue with my saints. I see those who intend not to comply, only in part, to that order I have revealed for the protection and safe going of my people, and are willful and stubborn. I see the idle and slothful who seek to shun labor, and make lying excuses to justify themselves, and magnify what they do beyond the truth.

I know those who are in petty intrigues to effect their own designs, contrary to their lead and good order, because they are unwilling to make a full sacrifice of all that belongs to a wicked nature. I hear those who use an ungodly tongue when they are admonished, and despise reproof. I know those who through carelessness speak not the truth in what they relate of others. All these things have I heard and seen; yea, every working of an evil nature in all its disguises, whether professing godliness or in open acts of wickedness and violation of right.

These things mar the beauty of Zion as she appears outwardly, and cause the righteous to mourn. Often do I hear your prayers and supplications unto me that all these things might be purged out, and the souls wherein they dwell be cleansed and purified. I will surely cleanse Zion and purge away her dross; yea, I will surely visit her in mercy, and come near unto her in righteousness, and will cut off from within her gates, all who will not forsake their evil doings.

The time draweth nigh that Zion shall be relieved from those who laugh at my power, and mock at my solemn warnings; for in that day shall my spirit cease to strive with them.

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Holy Anointed, I have herein declared what is, and what shall be accomplished in due time, in relation to certain things. I say unto you, be ye not discouraged, for, altho ye feel much, and it appears unto you that the changes toward and increase in the body is slow; yet shall it be accomplished and your souls shall rejoice.

This is my will, that ye are clothed with power and wisdom to lead on my called and chosen people in the way they should go; and I say unto you, that I have, and will continue to raise up, helps in the midst of my people; and they are, and shall be, clothed with my spirit. These shall assist you, and in your union proclaim the words of truth in the midst of Zion.

I have caused my people to be aroused from their slumbers, and to arise from their beds of ease whereon they rested, and I say unto you, they shall no more slumber nor sleep, nor quietly rest on their couches from which they have come down; but I will surely send unto them again and again, and they shall again and again be stirred up to action, and their spirits shall be quick and powerful.

Yet, while they remain, will the slothful and unreconciled complain of my testimonies, and claim indulgence that I will not bless, neither will I own them if they obtain it. I have sent forth my laws, even the things that I do require to be observed and kept by the inhabitants of Zion, and the souls who continue in them shall surely live, and I will bless them; but those who turn aside from walking in my laws and statutes shall surely be met by my displeasure.

Holy Anointed, altho your people are now few and many dwellings are thinly inhabited; yet shall they be filled.

I the Lord your God will bring to pass this thing in my time, and I will perform this my word in Zion. The lands and buildings that are consecrated to me, and the broad foundation that is laid shall not be in vain; neither shall they pass to the aliens around you. But praise and thanksgiving shall ascend from the dwellings of Zion, which shall be poured forth by voices that ye have not yet heard. For I will abundantly bless, and this your people shall not be reckoned small among my people on earth.

Now, Beloved, it is the will of the Lord your God that ye continue to go forth to purge your people from all that is offensive to me, to strengthen the feeble who are innocent, to admonish the froward, to confirm the wavering, to bless the strong, to lead all who delight to follow, and to speak my word with boldness, as my spirit may direct you; and my spirit of strength, my blessings of power and wisdom shall attend you, and prosper you in all ye do, and comfort and sustain you in tribulation and suffering.

Chap.t II.

Holy Anointed, I have still more to communicate unto you concerning things that are, and things that shall be. I have purposed to send among your people in the City of Peace, the City of Love and the City of Union, even unto each, a strong band of ministering spirits that have not yet been among them, who shall stir up and awaken many, so that they shall come forth in power and zeal in the work unto which they are called.

Then shall there be more strength to perform that which I require of my children on earth in relation to the ~~souls~~ souls of the dead that are, and shall be, sent unto them to hear the gospel. And I say unto you, Beloved, that if these are sent away, or rejected through prejudice, or because these souls show out in a manner, who and what they are in their natural state, — I say, any of my people who shall offend in any of these points, shall feel my displeasure.

Thus I say unto my people, I am God your Creator and the Creator of all souls that exist, and if ye are better than those that are sent unto you, have not I the Lord enabled you so to be? Have ye not all been taught by those that were better than you were, and have they not borne your burdens and showed you charity in your infirmities? Then fear ye me, and rebel not against my holy spirit; nor against the word that I send unto you through mine Anointed.

This have I seen, O Beloved, and it has also grieved you, I have seen ~~that~~ a spirit of pride, unbecoming the saints of the Most High, standing against and rejecting holy gifts which I have sent unto my people, because they were not adapted to the natural sense and feelings of those who had laid out for them=selves what ought to be given by me, and thus have condemned what I own and bless.

Holy Anointed, assure yourselves in strength; for with a powerful Arm and a strong hand will I perform the work I have established to do in the earth. I will lead my people through the furnace of tribulation, that they may consider their ways and be wise; yea, that they may keep the holy Laws and Statutes I have given unto them, and escape my judgments that will assuredly roll through the land.

I come now to speak of a thing which I desire may wholly be done away from among my people. Let there be no more seeking to shun or modify any order, law, rule or requirement that proceeds from me, for the sake of indulgence, of shunning the cross that the faithful observance thereof would bring upon any. That is, let no one plead with their Lead for any such releasment; nor willfully disregard my word. Souls cannot be saved in their own ways, and by means of their own laying out.

Shall I send forth my word, shall I reveal my will, and yet not require souls to yield obedience thereto? Have I established a lead in Zion that souls may trample it underfoot, and despise my anointing? Nay, in no wise. Is my law an idle tale, or to be observed only as each one may think their convenience will allow; or is it that by which all souls shall be judged? Beloved, when all shall observe these things, then shall your burden be lighter, and your delight abundant.

I know, indeed, that ye understand these things, and labor diligently to teach, direct and admonish, according to the strength of body given unto you, and that ye strive truly to lead those under you care in my pure way. And that among these are many who faithfully follow the lead that is set before them, and are surely owned and accepted by me.

Nevertheless, I have placed these things before

you that in all ye do to cleanse and purify the inhabitants of Zion, ye may know assuredly that I see all that is, and will bless the work of your hands. Yea, I will prosper you wherever ye may turn, and whither ye go shall my holy spirit attend you.

Dearly Beloved, I commend these things to your wisdom, that ye may do with them as shall seem meet unto you. And ye may freely judge in relation to all matters herein spoken of, what is proper to be done in relation to them, and the time when.

Communicated to the Instrument by inspiration of the holy Savior.

And when you are called to leave this earthly tabernacle, you will be taken to the mansions prepared for you, prepared by your God; where you will be allowed to feast on the rich blessings you have so fully merited.
Yea, you will be found blameless before your God, and will sing praise forever & ever to his holy name. Farewell in love.

12. My blessing shall rest on all the faithful; and truly have you been found faithful & true, thro all the dark times ~~which~~ that have passed over Gods people in this place. And now that light has been shed abroad to all of the Zion of God on earth, you are ready to step in for a farther increase, having never once lost that good out of your souls, which was first taught you by blessed Mother Ann: yea, from the first of God making himself known in this last reviving work by visions & gifts of inspiration, ~~have~~ you have been found striving with him; and many sleepless nights ~~have~~ you have had, owing to the darkness & stupidity of some. But, thanks be to God, the clouds are fast dispelling before the Sun of righteousness, who soon will reign triumphant in Gods holy habitation in this place.
For surely Father James' word will be verified; ~~that was~~ which were, that God would have a pure & holy people in Old Enfield. And altho at times things did not augur well for such a termination, still you never wavered, but fully believed Father James word. And now I say (by permission) you will live to see that day, a day you have many times prayed that you might see. How encouraging is this word! but it is the word of God; and therefore you may rely on it.

Again I say, receive ye my blessing, ~~you~~ & love; yea, receive ~~yea~~ the love of the ancients & prophets, who desired to see one of the days of the Son of man, and died without the sight. x

13. Do thank the Ministry for this letter, as you could not have received it, had it not ~~have~~ been for them. The blessing of my

God will ever rest on them; For faithful faithful they have ever been.

Fare ye well in love.

14. Receive ye, each ~~[illegible]~~ one; i.e. the Elders, a Branch from the tree of Paradise, planted by the Lord Almighty. It is sent you on account of your faithfulness. Preserve them, set ~~them out~~ in ~~g~~ your ~~[illegible]~~ rooms; that in your solemn days you may partake of that fruit which you can & will ~~admi~~ administer to God's people here in this place.

Instru. Jefferson White.

conversed with Mother & the first Elders. But it will then be too late: they cannot return again into the body. But if you remain faithful, & keep Gods holy orders, they will be sent unto you with words of comfort, which will fill your souls with gratitude to the giver of all good.

For in those scenes of tribulation that will come upon you, you will feel thankful for the least morsel; yea, you will feel like crawling worms of the dust. O that you would have a livelier sense of these things, now while you have a day & privilege to gather & lay up a store, against the famine that will assuredly come.

8. The judgements of God are abroad in the land. See that you all walk so carefully, that the Lord will pass over, & do you no harm. "Every one who has the Holy mark in their foreheads, will escape my judgement, saith the only & true God; while those who have not the holy mark, will be smitten by my holy Angel."

9. Now kind Elders, a few words for you. You may think I have almost forgotten you, seeing I have written so much for the lovely youth. I tell you I have not forgotten you, nay, in no wise; and what I have written respecting the rising generation, I have done it to help you, if help it may so be called, knowing that you all take a lively interest in the wellfare of those who will soon have to step into the brunt of the battle: for soon soon Mother will call all her first born children home; & then those with whom you have taken so much pains, to teach the good & right way, will have to be bright & shining lights to a lost world. I know you feel well paid for the labor of ~~you have been at,~~ to teaching the youth the way of God. For there is a goodly number of free volunteers, with trumpets in hand, ready & willing to sound sound the everlasting Gospel to a vain wicked world; yea, & many, very many, will come at the sound of the Gospel trumpets, and will confess & forsake their sins, and walk the self denying way ~~which~~ that our blessed Jesus taught: Yea, the day is close at hand, when

many people will embrace this Gospel, taught by blessed Mother Ann. Yea, it is a gospel out of all sin: any soul who may seek to cover their sins, will not prosper. For God, has begun a work in good earnest and He will carry it on. The great the haughty, will have to come low low even to the dust, to obtain the forgiveness of God.

10. I have many times visited you, and always have found you true to the cause: yea, early & late have you taught the people in this place, & especially in this family, the only & true way, the way out of all sin; and numbers have followed your good counsel, which has been a comfort to you, yea, a great comfort, altho many sorrowful feelings you have felt, on account of many souls making shipwreck of their most holy faith. Think not that you are alone, regarding those feelings. Did not many that for a while followed Christ in the regeneration, turned back, & walked no more with him? They stumbled at the cross; and so have those who have left the way of God in this place. Self willed were they; yea, you well know they would not subject & humble themselves, & do as they were taught. They therefore fell out by the way: they were like withered branches, fit only to be cut off & burned. And now they are rising up, thinking they can overthrow the work of God in this place. They cannot do it. God will smite them in his wrath; & they will be scattered to & ~~fro~~ fro, and all the faithful will come out bright; yea, they will be protected from all harm. Therefore take courage, knowing it will come to pass, as ~~it~~ has been foretold by many: yea, the wicked will be like chaff before the wind, saith my & your God.

11. Good Elders, you are had in remembrance ~~before~~ by your ever blessed Mother Ann & those that were called to be Elders with her, yea, & your blessed Savior feels much for you one and all and so does your Heavenly Father ~~too~~: Yea, you are blest by the Heavenly host, for your care & watchfulness over the people of the most h

3. The following are some of the words which one of the visionists heard Father James speak to Deacon Nathan, a short time before he left the world. Your sufferings will soon be ended; Yea, they shall be ended forever, & you shall suffer no more. I am now ready to recieve you into my arms; — your spirit shall be at rest. — You have waited patiently, & so have we; and now you shall go with me to recieve your reward. — You have borne your cross faithfully, and walked in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. — The Angels of Heaven have watched over you; & they are now waiting to waft your spirit to the mansions of glory. My dear brother, I call you home to rest. Welcome, welcome, welcome; you shall recieve a glorious reward for all your labors here. Your name is written in Heaven. You shall see Christ & Mother. You have suffered with Christ; your soul is filled with thankfulness for the gospel.

Mother said, tell him the chariot is waiting for him, and many good spirits are in it, waiting to recieve him.

~~4.~~ Father James said, ~~to the visionist,~~ here is a robe & crown for him; and you shall soon see him have them on.

4. The following words were spoken to the Deacon by the visionist, about 10 minutes before his departure: Deacon, you will soon be in Father Jame's arms; he is here waiting to take you.

Your sufferings have been great, and the spirits know it. You have borne them with patience; and you shall have your reward. I love you; I bless you; I thank you; I pray for you. Do take my love with you; do take it from us all. Do come & see me Deacon, when I perhaps may pass through sufferings as ~~great~~ severe as yours; and bring something to comfort me. I know I should be thankful. Do remember us, Deacon; for we shall remember you. I hope you will come and see us, when you can. You will be released before long; I know you will. The chariot is here, and has been fore some time. The spirits I see are all in it, ready to recieve you. Immediately after these words were spoken, he shook, all over, just as we have often seen him in meeting, under the operation of the power of God. He breathed about 5 minutes longer.

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